

#### Get Your Town on Your Team



Community Engagement + Public Support

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### If it was easy...



Everyone would do it.









#### But it's worth it.



#### Having friends makes life better



## Do not despair.



## Help is on the way.



#### A few basic tenets...



## 1. Know your JOB



# 2. Know your AUDIENCE



### 3. Know your "WHY"









### Then you can proceed with purpose.



#### 1. Know your JOB



#### Your charge may be...

Designate and protect historic assets

Foster civic pride

Stabilize or improve the local economy through preservation

Improve aesthetics – attract business and visitors, etc Promote the maintenance and full utilization of historic structures

# 2. Know your AUDIENCE



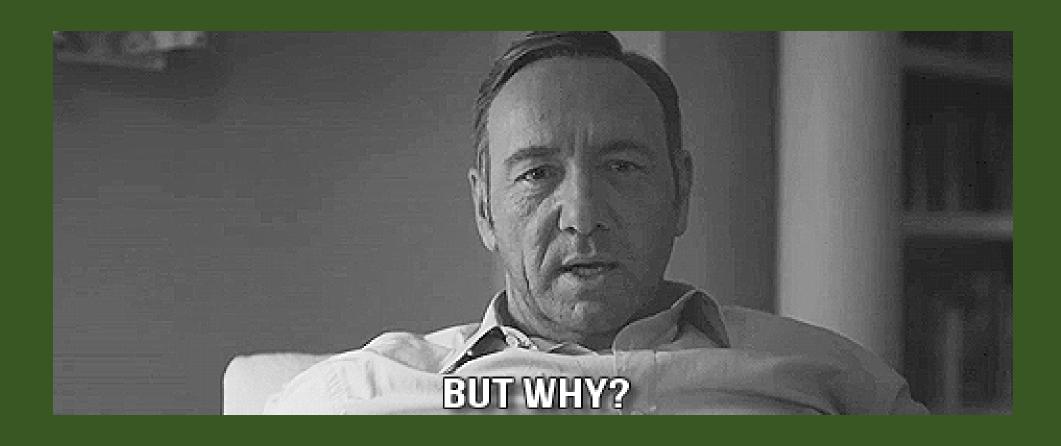
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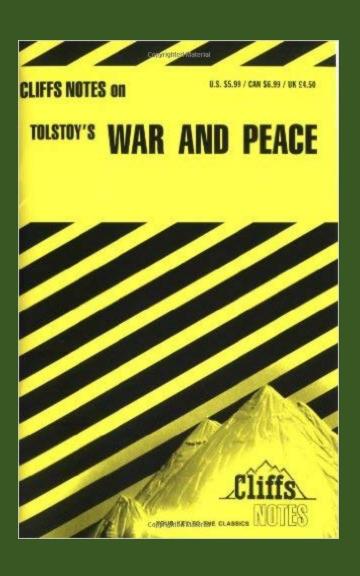
## And you may ask yourself...



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## Cultivating relationships



## Cultivating ambassadors



## Cultivating support



### Cultivating partnerships



## Cultivating respect



#### How does the public see you?

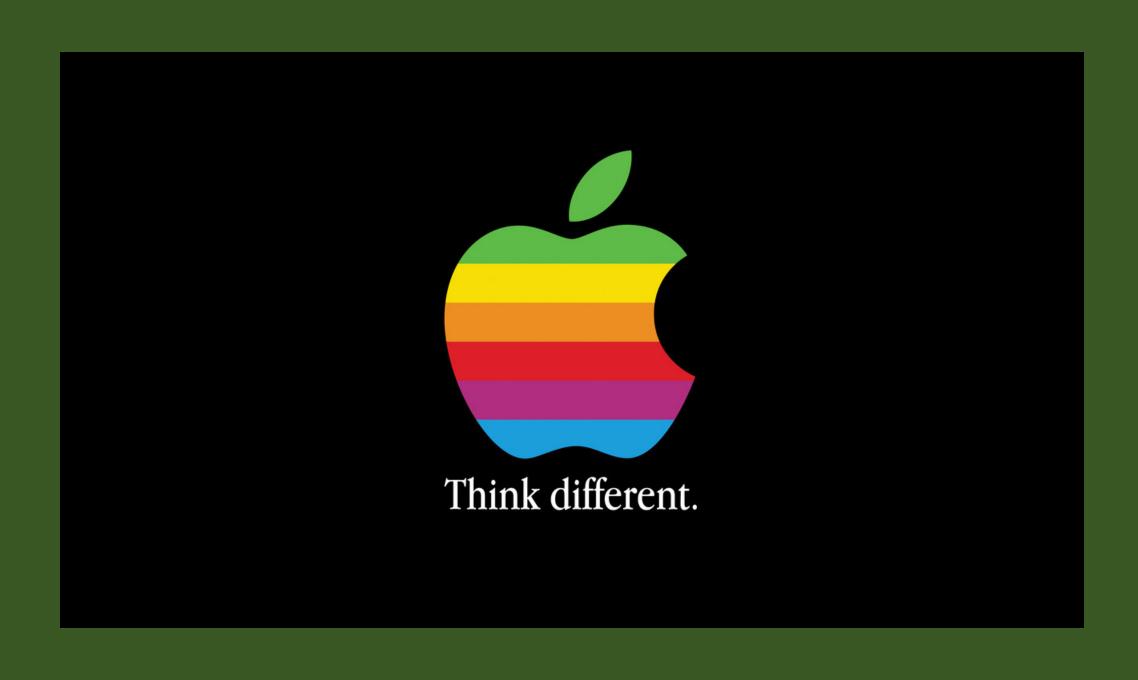


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#### How does the public see you?





## Involved, engaged, inspired



#### Shock and Awe...







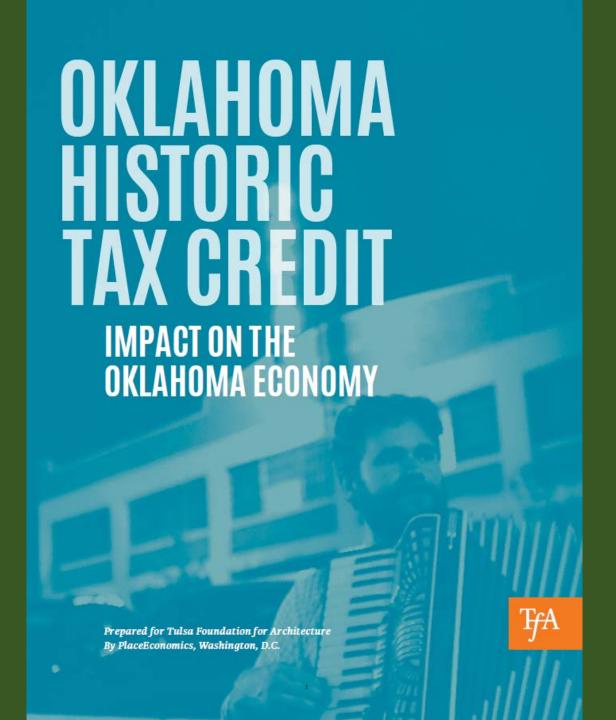


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#### Emporia, Kansas - Granada Theater Rehab Spurred:

- Façade Projects: up 9%
- Building Rehabs/New Construction: up 24%
- New Businesses Opening: up 9%
- Businesses Lost: down 42%
- Jobs Created: up 6%
- Jobs Lost: down 31%
- Spawned:
  - 2 new buildings
  - 5 new businesses
  - 12 Apartments
  - Multiple rehabs



# Impacts reach far beyond the original project









#### So... who is your audience?



# Public Officials and Policy-Makers





#### Don't Neglect the Staff!



#### Get a seat at the table



#### Present!





# Charge?

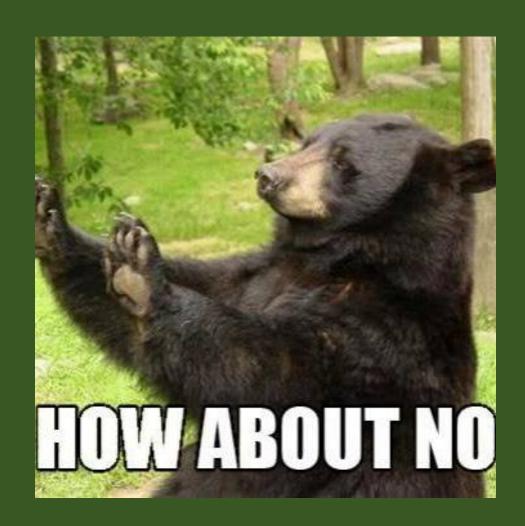


#### Get and keep attention



Commercial / Residential

**Commercial Property Owners** 



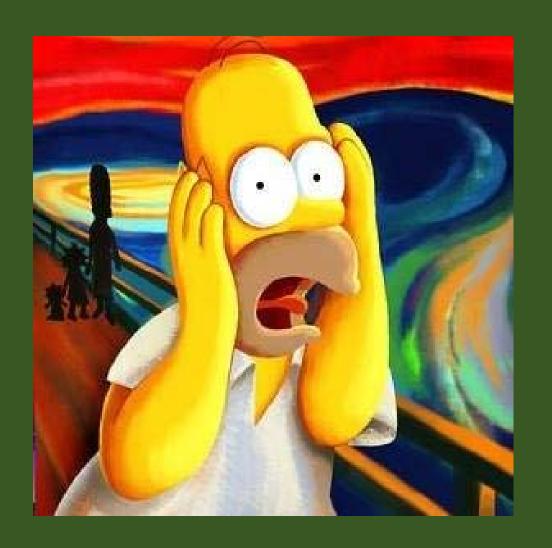
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# MythBusters





# Spin



(I do what I want)



#### Action



#### Yes!!!



# Yes!!!



# It might still be messy.

(and that's ok)



The Homeowners



Give Them Tools!



#### Preservation Partners



#### Community Partners



#### Professional Partners



#### The Press



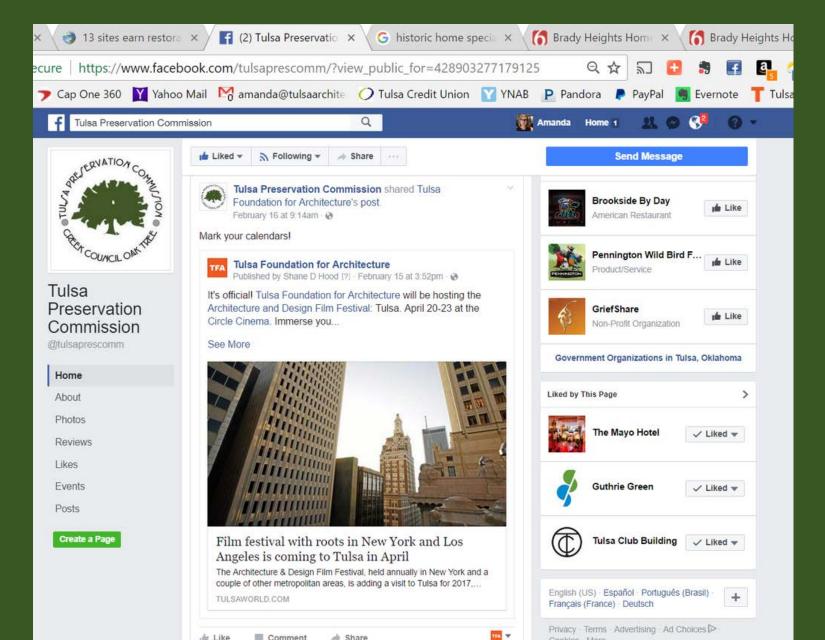
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# "The Public" at Large

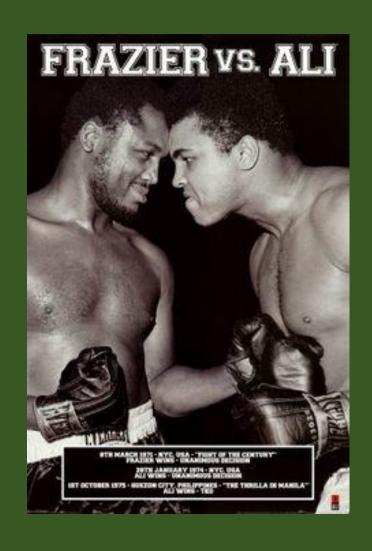


#### Social Media



#### Your opponent

"Potlach them into submission" – Wade



#### Awards

And plaques



#### Remember #4 – Empower Others





#### 4b. Share Credit



#### 4c. Celebrate EVERYTHING



# Questions?

Thank you!